Remarks

Applicant has corrected the informalities in the disclosure and in the claims pointed out in the Office Action. Applicant has corrected an additional informality in the paragraph at page 3, line 12-page 4, line 6 where "at" should be –are– and an informality in claim 5 where "indicate" should be –indicative–. It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced thereby, and that the scope of the claims has not been changed. The corrections are not made in response to a rejection of the claims, so they impose no limitation on construing the claims regarding doctrine of equivalents issues.

Submitted herewith is a declaration by the inventor advising that the publications on which the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 was based, describe his own work. See MPEP 715.01(c).

These publications are dated less than a year before the filing date of the provisional application referred to in this patent application.

Accordingly, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. A communication to that effect is respectfully requested.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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